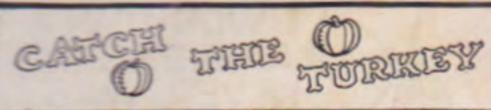


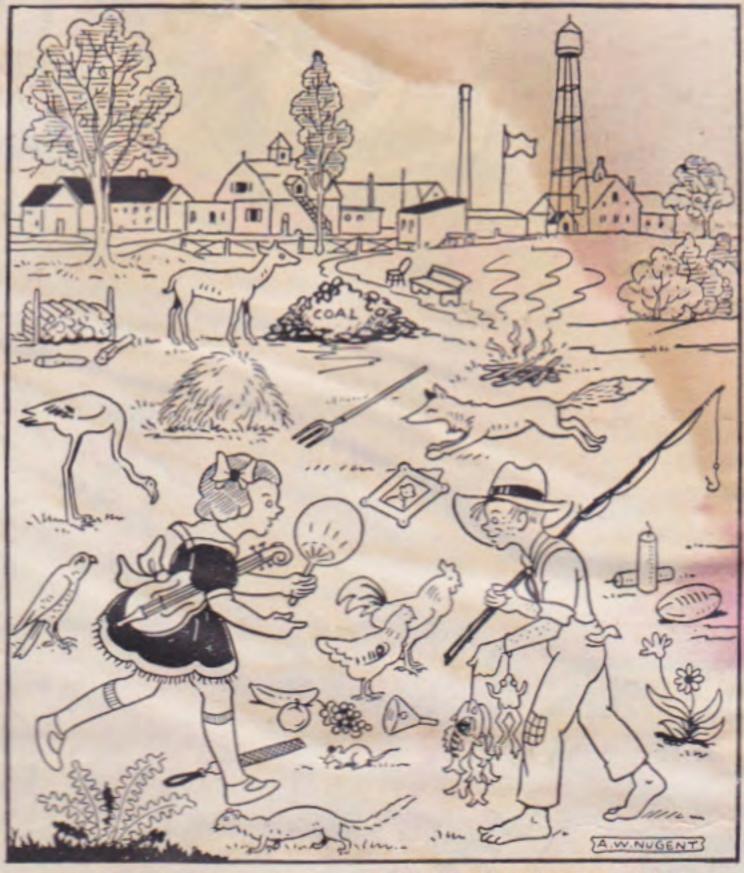


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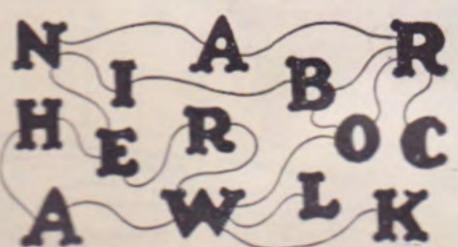


THAT THANKSGIVING IS APPROACHING AND HAS SLIPPED AWAY FROM ITS COOP. STATET FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE MAZE AND SEE IF YOU CAN TRACE BETWEEN THE LINES AND CAPTURE THE ELUSIVE BIRD FOR THE FARMER.



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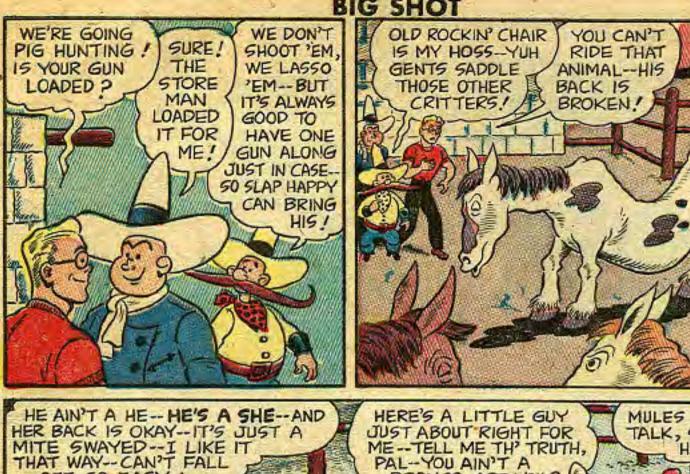


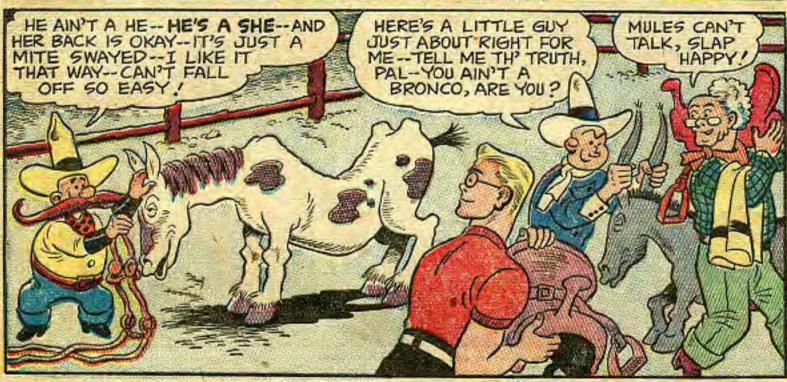


ABOVE LETTERS YOU WISH
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TO THE NEXT LETTER SEE IF YOU
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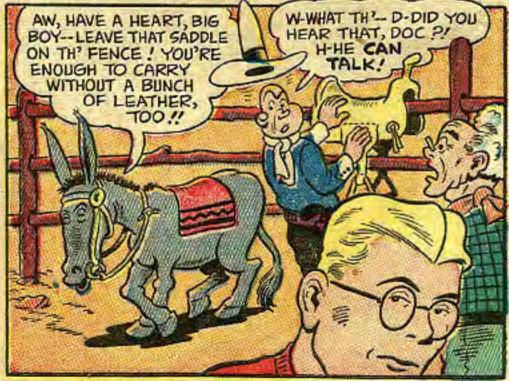
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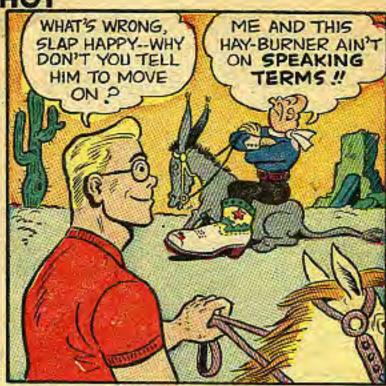






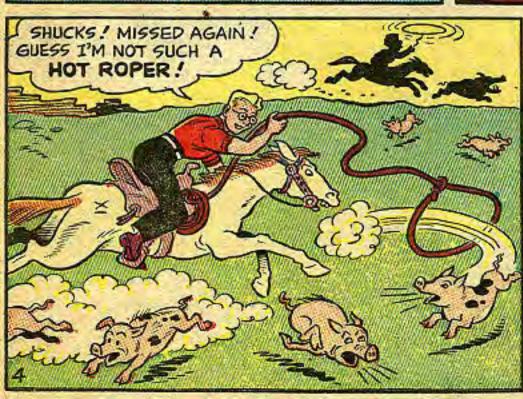




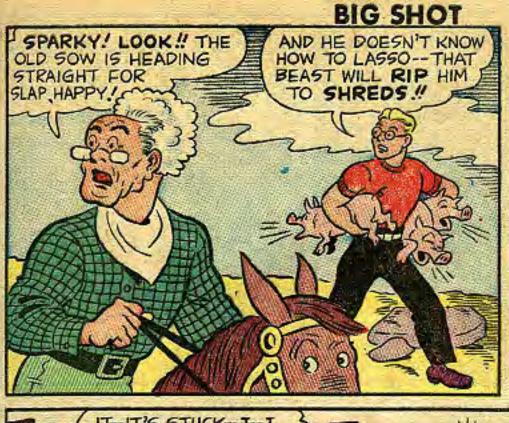


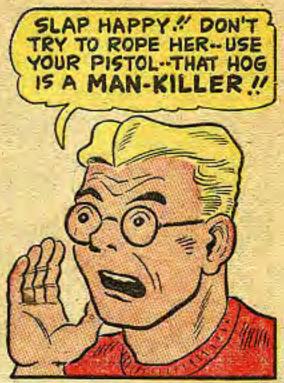


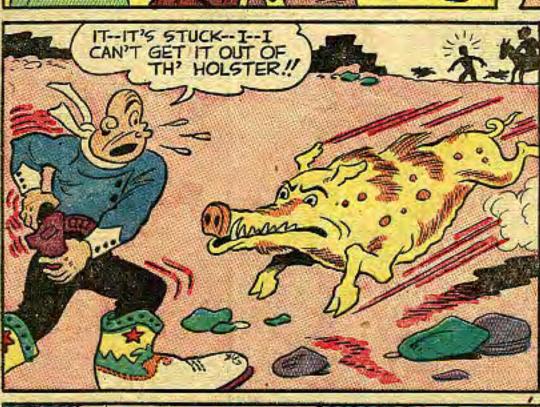




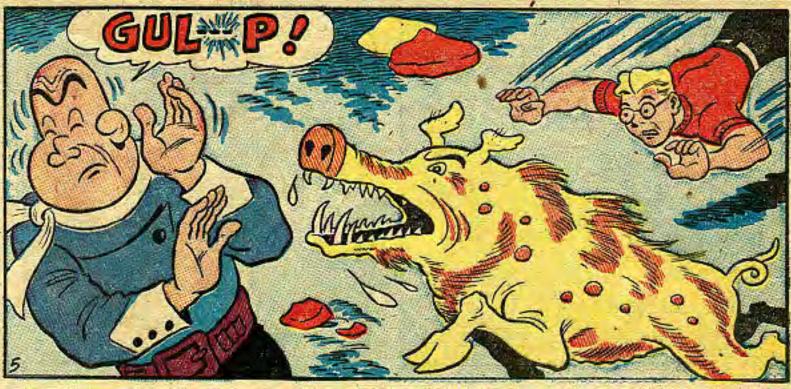












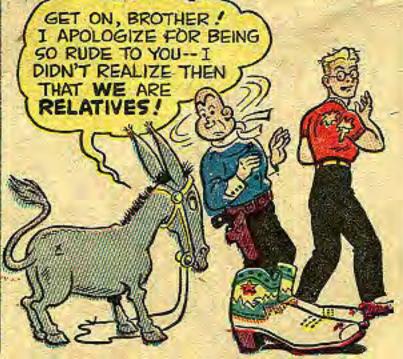












# DUGAN

By McEVOY and STRIEBEL

MENAGERIE'
HAS BEEN
LEFT WITH
THE DUGANS.
ONE EMPTY
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GOES INTO
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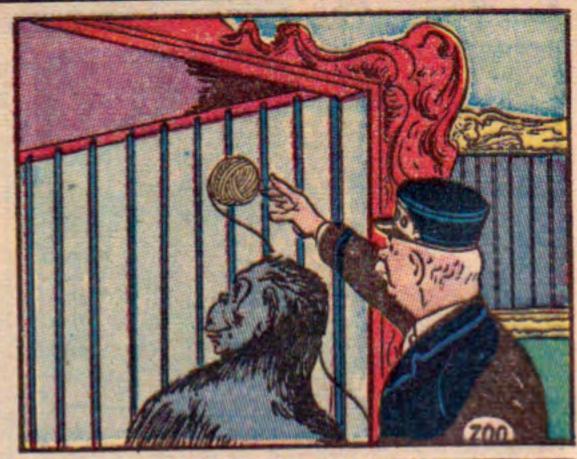
















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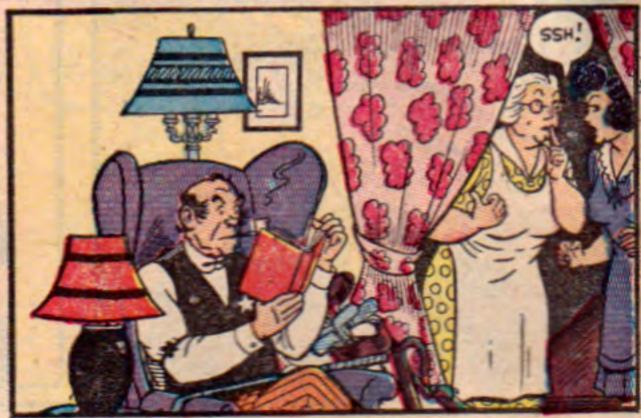
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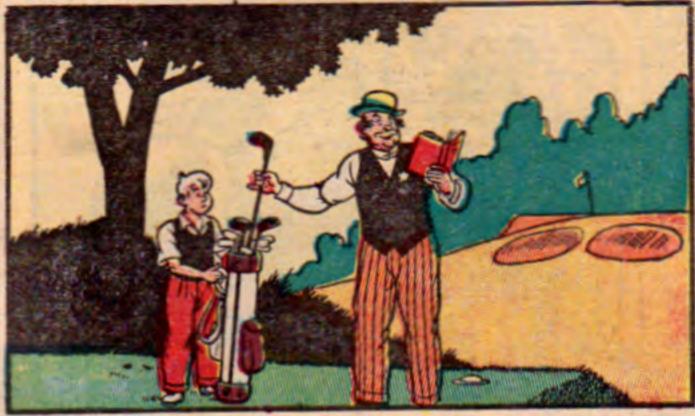




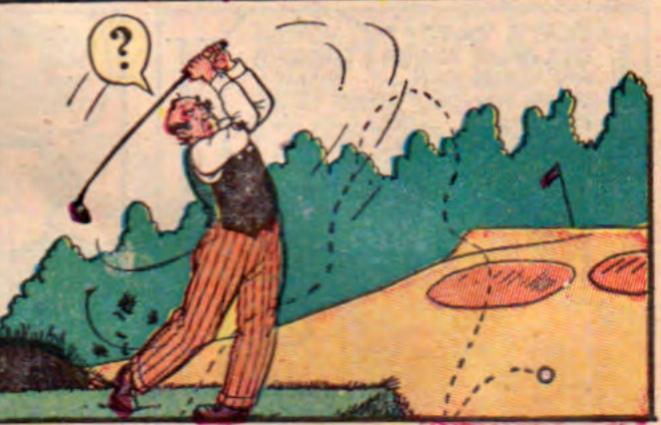








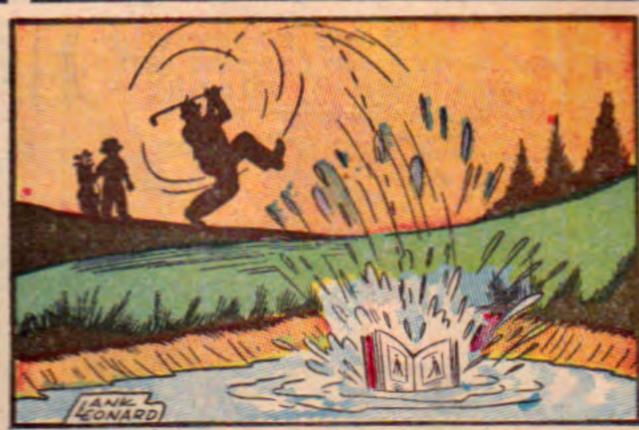








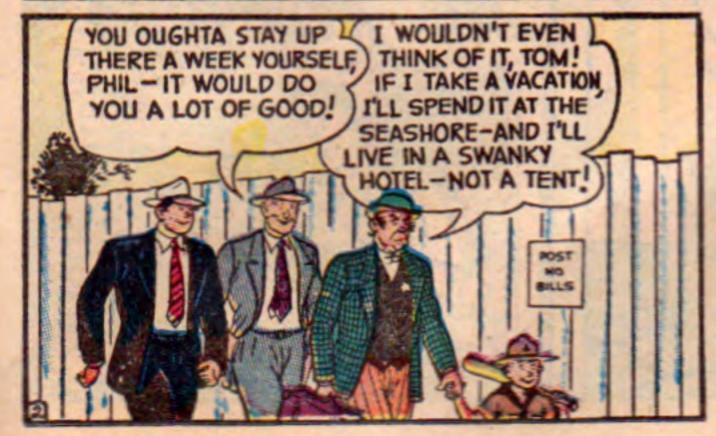




#### MICKEY FINN









**BIG SHOT** HOW MUCH FURTHER I'LL GET YOU BACK WILL I BE ABLE TO YESSIR! THERE'S IN TIME, SIR! IS IT TO THE CAMP? GET A TRAIN BACK TO ONE AT THREE I DON'T WANT TO THE CITY THIS O'CLOCK! MISS THAT TRAIN! AFTERNOON? HIGHMOUNT I SEE! WELL, NOW, WOULD YOU WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE NO THANKS! I YOU HAVE MIND TAKING SUNNY TO THAT OF HIM, SHERIFF! WHY LIKE THE HUSTLE A DOCTOR TENT UP ON THE HILL? DON'T YOU STAY WITH US HERE ALL AND BUSTLE OF A FEW DAYS YOURSELF? -HE HAS TO HAVE A THE CITY! THE TIME ? PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. SCOUT MASTER OH-IS THAT YOU ARE NO-BUT WE HAVE A FIRST YES! 50? MISS RICKEY TRAINED NURSE! AID -THE NURSE ? STATION MISS RICKEY-A VERY CAPABLE WOMAN! DON'T YOU FIND IT FRANKLY, YES-HE'S DECIDED A TELEGRAM A LITTLE LONESOME UP HERE, MISS RICKEY? FROM PHILIP? SHERIFF TO STAY UPAT THE I DO! CAMP A FEW DAYS-IN CASE SUNNY GETS















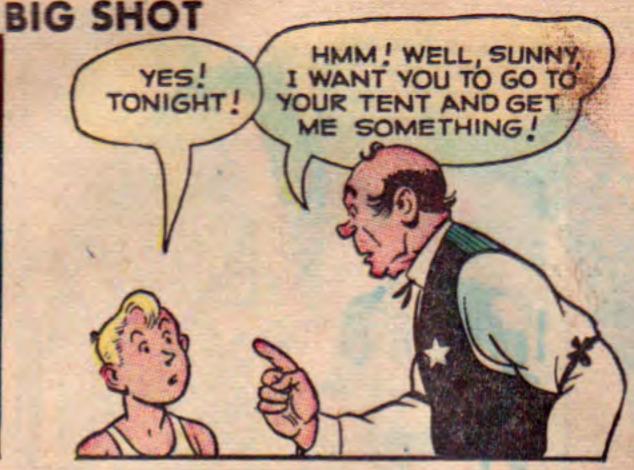








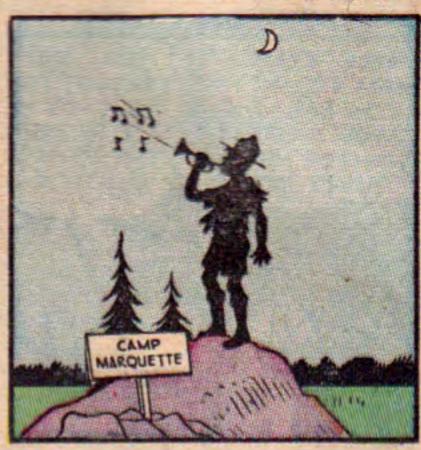






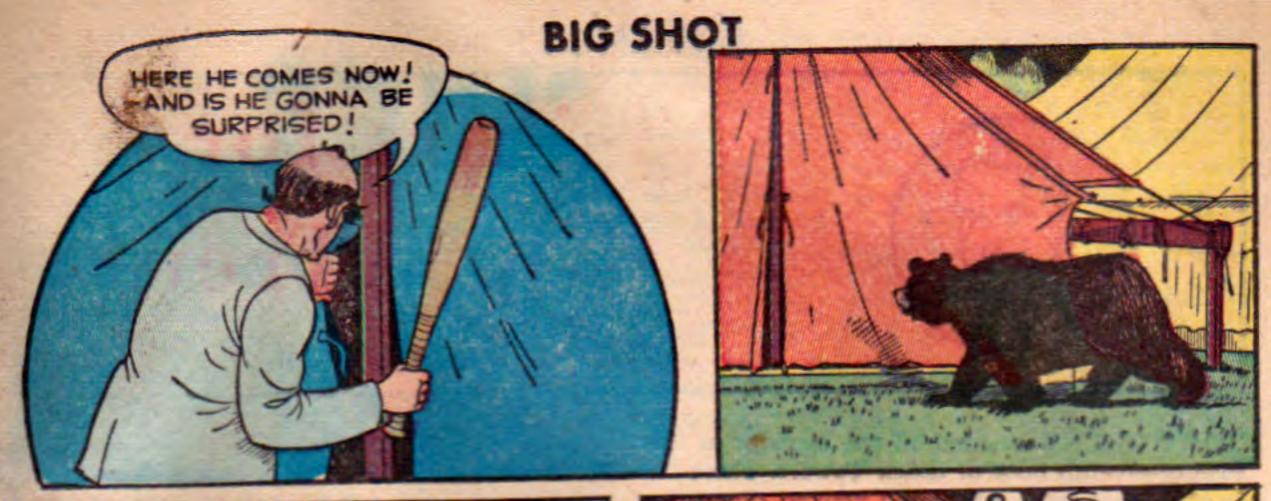








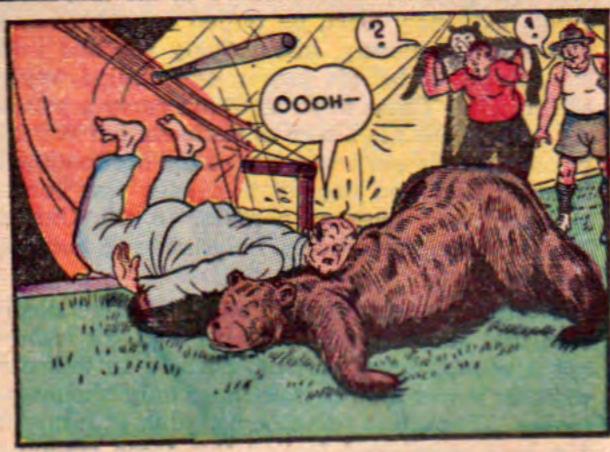


















# Visitors for Tony Trent

By MART BAILEY

TONY TRENT stepped off the elevator at the twenty-seventh floor of Essex Towers, where he kept a three-room suite, and walked down the deserted corridor without the slightest suspicion that for him this was to be a night of danger and destiny.

It was only after he had closed the door of his apartment behind him that he felt the presence of an insidious evil in the dark about him. His ears detected no unusual sound; his eyes, still not dilated from the subdued light of the hall outside, saw nothing in the blackness; but a sudden, tingling chill iced up and down his spine, and fear of the unknown clutched at his scalp like an Indian with a knife.

Tony arrested his fingers before they touched the light switch. Every nerve in his tall, muscular body now alert, he pulled back his hand and swiftly, silently, instinctively reached into the armpit under his jacket, and smiled wryly to himself. These days he didn't carry a pistol. As chief of the news staff of radio station WBSC he thought his work was free of the occupational hazards that had dogged him as a war correspondent and later as a major in the United States Army. Apparently, he grinned to himself, he was wrong.

Nothing yet confirmed Tony's intuitive suspicion that something evil lay in wait for him—not a sound, not a stirring, nothing to indicate whether it was man or demon, or only his imagination. Tony was tempted to laugh at himself; but he remembered feeling this same creeping horror and revulsion one night in a village near Bombay a few seconds before coming face to face with a deadly cobra poised to strike in the dark.

His eyes were becoming accustomed to the unlighted room. But the Venetian blinds were down and very little of the neon and incandescent illumination from Columbus Circle crept between the drawn slats of the Venetian blinds that faced Central Park. Still there was enough light to see that someone had been busily and thoroughly ransacking the place. The sofa cushions had been thrown of the carpet; sections of the sofa had been ripped; the oil-painted land-scapes had been pulled down from the walls, and papers from his desk had been scattered from the limply open drawers.

Tony Trent found himself getting angry. If the ransacker were still in the room, Tony Trent would teach him not to meddle again among other people's private affairs,

Only a few seconds had elapsed since he entered the apartment. He could still reach out and turn on the lights without indicating his suspicions of the evil thing that lurked somewhere nearby. He thought of doing so. After all, he had been silhouetted long enough in the open doorway against the corridor light for whoever lay in wait for him to throw a knife or fire a pistol. But until he had armed himself, he didn't want to put himself completely at the mercy of whoever was watching. If he could reach the desk, and if the pistol were still there—

Tony Trent dropped to his hands and knees, and started crawling on all fours across the rug. His movements were swift and silent, like those of a cat; yet at every moment he could feel eyes watching him, and he felt foolish and completely helpless.

Touching the carved foot of the mahogany desk, his clammy, wet hand slid up towards the drawer where he kept his automatic. Almost frantically his fingers groped inside—but the automatic was gone!

A floor board creaked in protest against some heavy, unseen body. Tony caught his breath.

There was a bronze statue on the desk, a trophy he had won at college. It would serve for a weapon.

Tony reached for it—and his wrist was gripped by an iron hand!

Tony flailed out with his other fist, but the fist flailed on empty air. Against the dark wall he saw a darker silhouette, as of a huge, apish man. Then powerful arms pulled him close in a suffocating bear hug.

Furiously Tony struggled. With a violent heave he broke free, and swung his fist at what he judged was the creature's jaw. This time his fist connected. The creature hurtled backwards, knocked over a coffee table, and battered against the wall.

At the very same instant the electric lights clicked on.

"We have had enough violence, I think," growled a throaty voice.

Almost blinded by the sudden sharp brilliance of the ceiling lights, Tony saw first only the giant sprawled on the carpet. But the briefest glance told him that, for the moment at least, the unconscious brute was incapable of speech. Someone else was in the room! The hackles rose on Tony's neck as he realized that behind him stood an acomplice, possibly more dangerous than the brute on the floor.

"Do not attempt anything that should make me squeeze this trigger," said the throaty voice, and Tony, turning slowly, looked into the muzzle of an automatic pistol.

The man behind the pistol was medium-sized but chunky, and he wore a black domino mask that concealed the upper portion of his face. Below the mask his thin-lipped mouth was grim and his jutting jaw-line brutal. Despite this, however, he evidently prided himself upon being a man of culture. His expensive, immaculate clothes were freshly pressed, and he pronounced his words meticulously, like an educated foreigner. The fingers which pointed the automatic pistol at Tony Trent's head were neatly manicured.

"What do you want?" demanded Tony Trent. His body was deceptively relaxed, like that of a caged tiger, every muscle ready to snap into instant action at the smallest opportunity.

"A letter," replied the masked man.

"A letter?"

"Yes, a letter which a compatriot of mine had smuggled into this country. It contains a lot of nonsense. You know the sort of thing-that our new government is murdering the people who disagree with it, and all the other unpleasant propaganda."

"If it is just nonsense," asked Tony Trent,

"what are you afraid of?"

"Some people might believe it, not knowing that the writer has—has gone insane—and been confined to a-mental institution. Should public opinion in this country be sufficiently aroused by the lunatic ravings of that letter, the loan which my government proposes to obtain from the United States might be jeopardized."

Tony Trent eyed his visitor critically. "What is the name of your government?" he asked.

"I am not here to answer your questions," growled the masked man. "You know, if you have read the letter. Give it to me."

Tony Trent shrugged. "I have no such letter." "Do not trifle with me!" warned the masked "We have gone to great lengths to get that letter. We shall not stop at murder."

"You're wasting your time," said Tony Trent. "If there is such a letter, it hasn't arrived yet."

"Enough talking," snapped the masked man, his eyes glinting behind the slits of the black mask. "Come closer, so I can search you."

As Tony started to move forward, the door buzzer sounded-so suddenly that the masked man forgot his caution and turned momentarily

in the direction of the door. And in that moment Tony Trent struck. The masked man, his head jerked violently back by Tony's swift uppercut, flew across the room, slammed against the wall, and crumpled beside the still unconscious giant.

"Anything wrong, Mister Trent?" inquired a

voice through the metal door.

Tony picked up the automatic pistol. "Everything's under control," he said, and opened the door.

"Yes, sir," said the wizened bellhop, his eyes bugging from the pistol in Tony's hand to the two men sprawled over the broken coffee table in the disordered room.

Taking the letter from the bellhop's numb fingers, Tony glanced briefly at the scrawled handwriting on the bulky, soiled envelope. Instantly there flashed in his memory a vision of one of the world's most famous editors, old Bradicich, one of the real liberals on the Continent, who for decades had warned of the dreadful thing that would take possession of Europe like seven thousand demons, so that no man would be able to call his soul his own. And now old Bradicich's predictions were coming to pass like the prophecies of the Bible, and nation after nation was being consumed by the Dreadful Thing. Even kindly old Bradicich, according to the masked man, had been dragged off to an asylum, which was really a torture chamber. Anger stirred within Tony Trent.

Only a split second had elapsed since he first fingered the travel-scuffed envelope which somehow had escaped from the prison house that was once a happy country. He did not yet try to read the document, which had been passed on like a sacred thing by so many trembling hands, which had been smuggled out of that afflicted nation with one last hope that finally, above the glib oratory of dishonest diplomats, the truth might be heard like a cry for help, like a prayer to the Almighty for deliverance.

And, miracle of miracles, the cry for help had got through despite all the vigilance and violence of those who would have strangled it. Within an hour Tony Trent would be speaking over radio station WBSC to all America with the voice of old Editor Bradicich, with the voice of all enslaved Europe.

Tony Trent smiled. "You aren't a foreign spy.

are you?" he asked the bellhop, joking.

"Me?" The bellhop made a grimace. "Naw. I'm a member of the Hotel Workers' and Maintenance Operators' Union-in good standing."

"Then," said Tony Trent quietly, "you'd bet-

ter call the police."

The bellhop looked at the crumpled forms of the unconscious men in the disordered room. He winked at Tony. "Right!" he said. "Though what they really need is an ambulance!"

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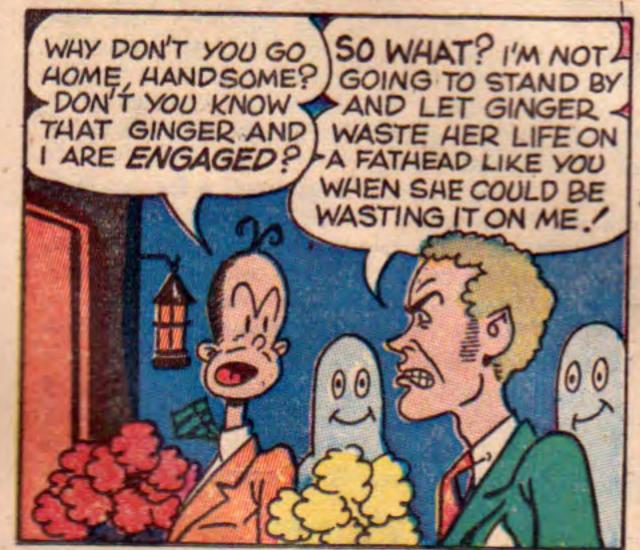








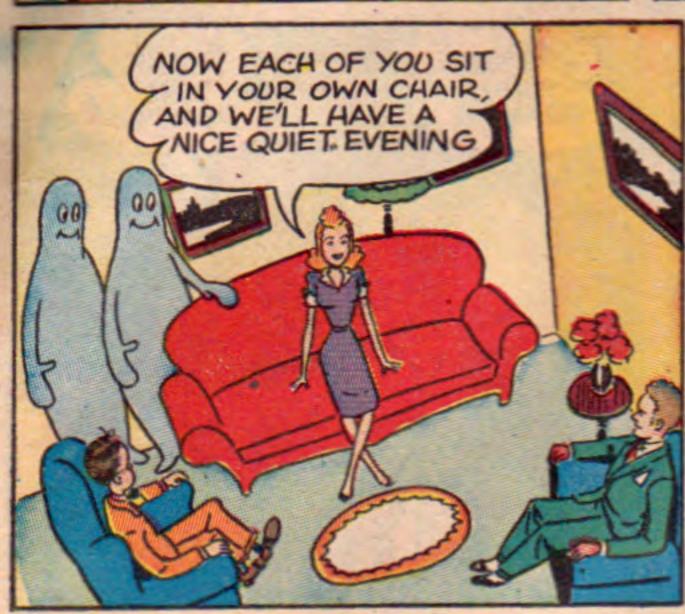


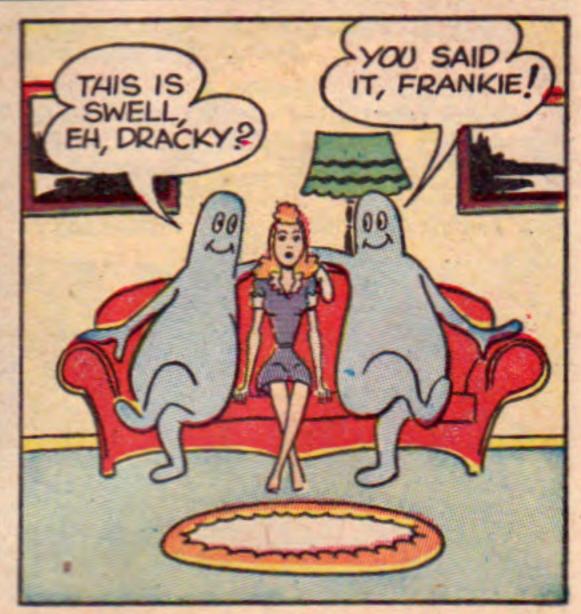






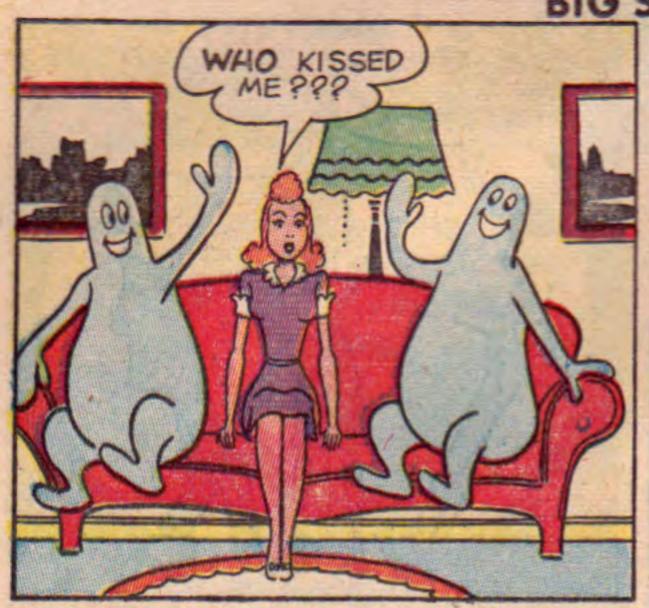








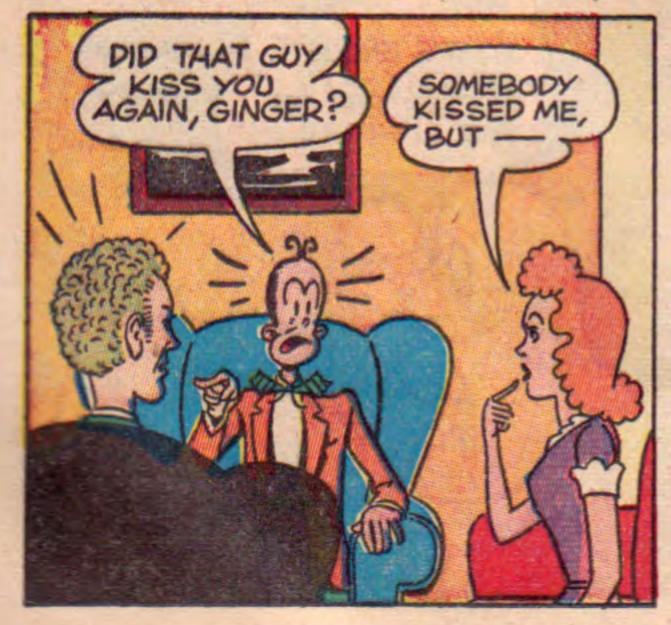




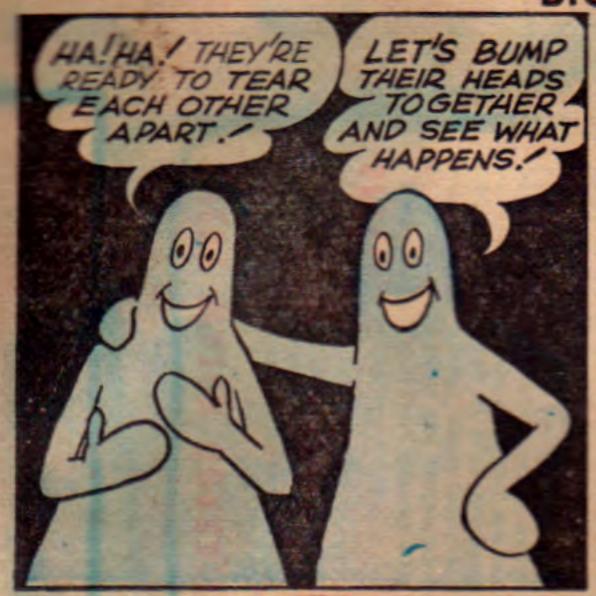








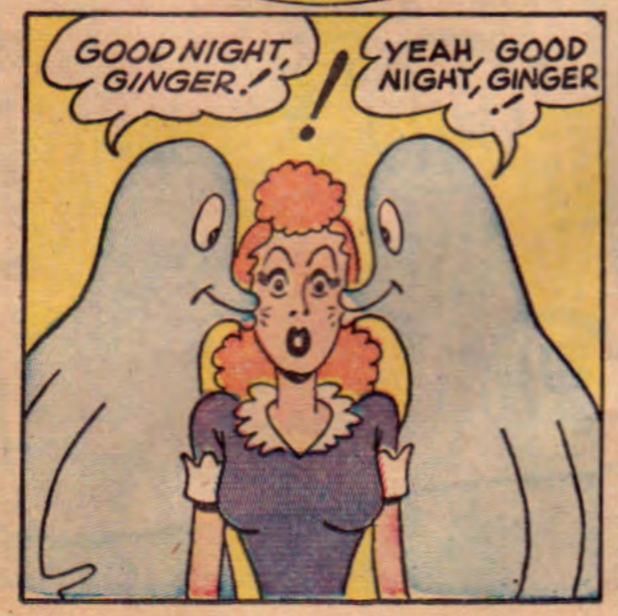


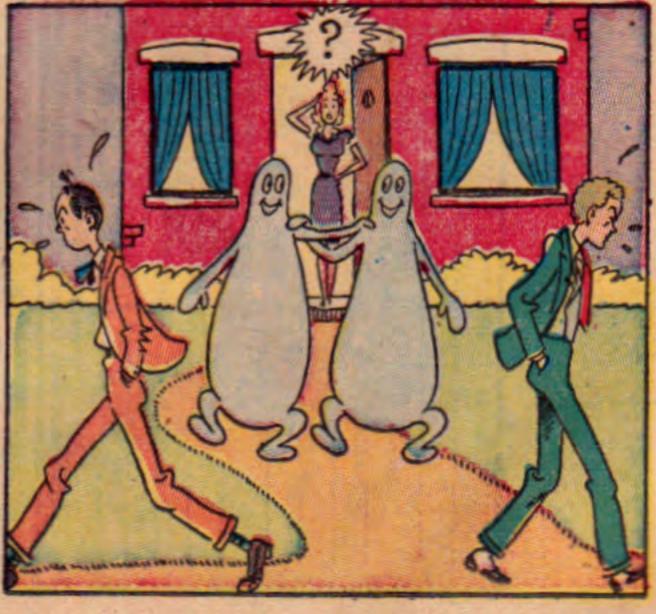






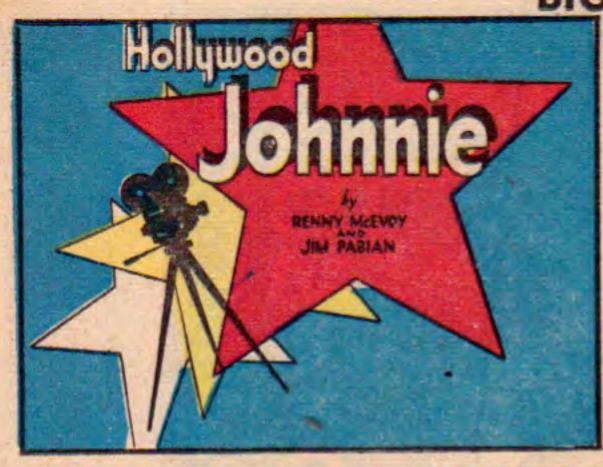




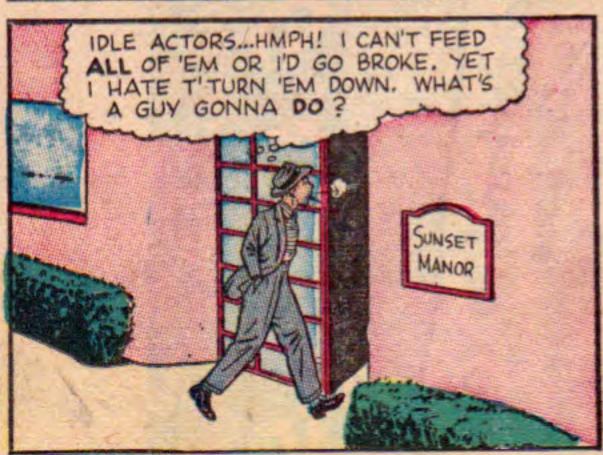


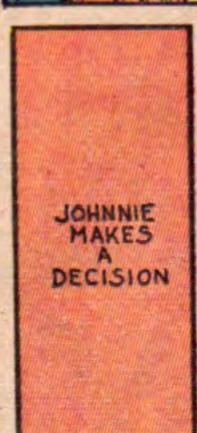






















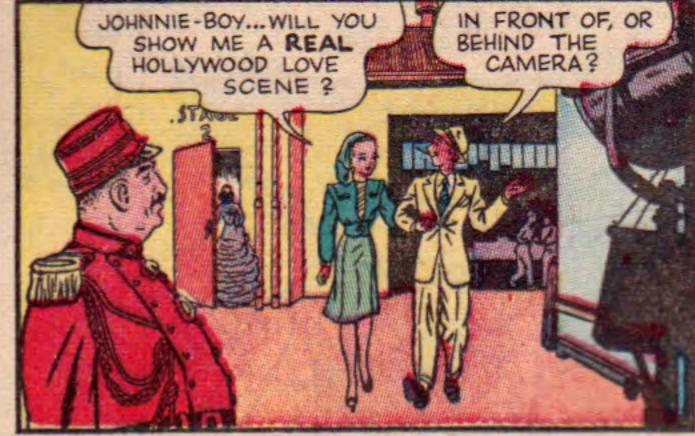






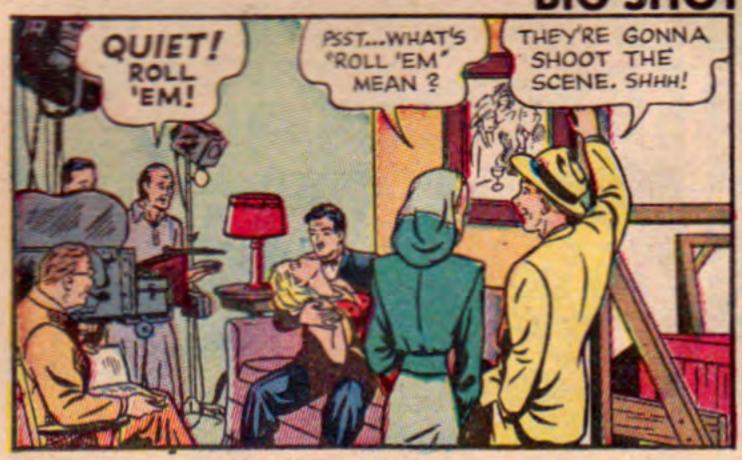




























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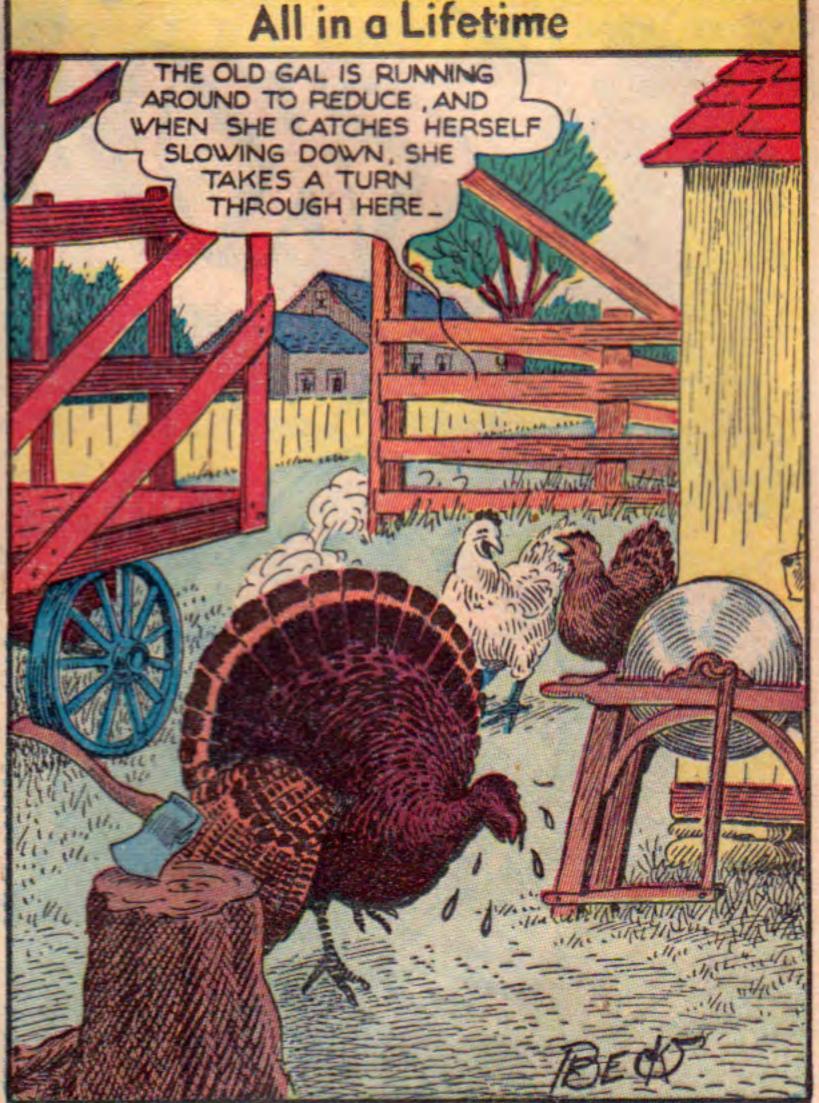
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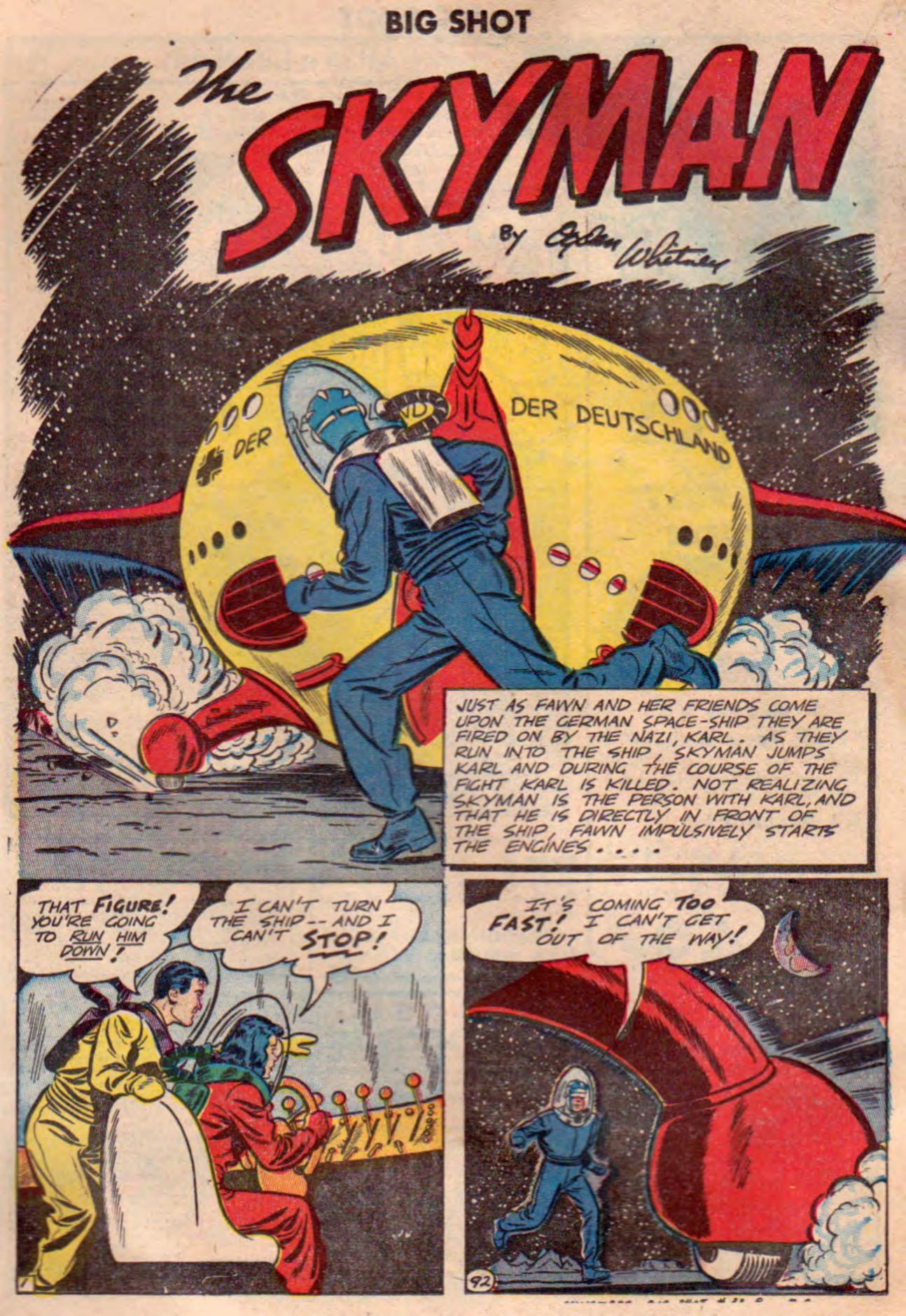
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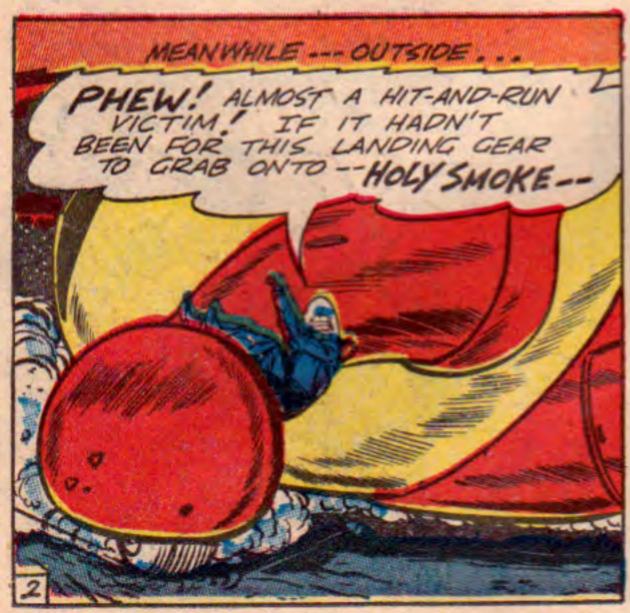


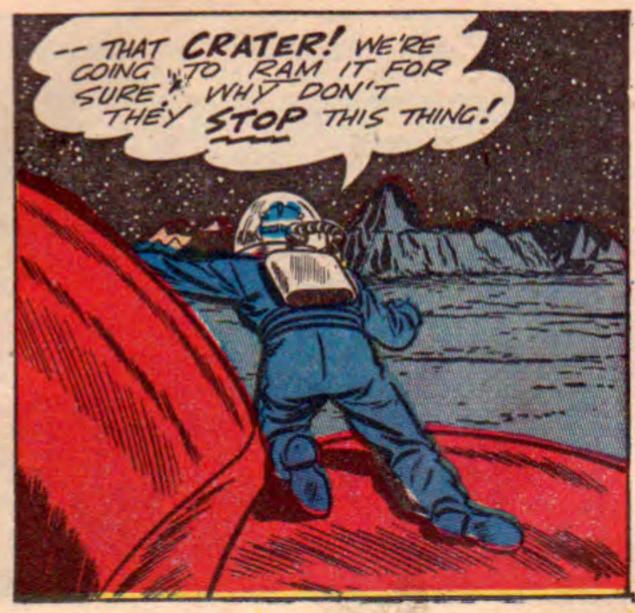
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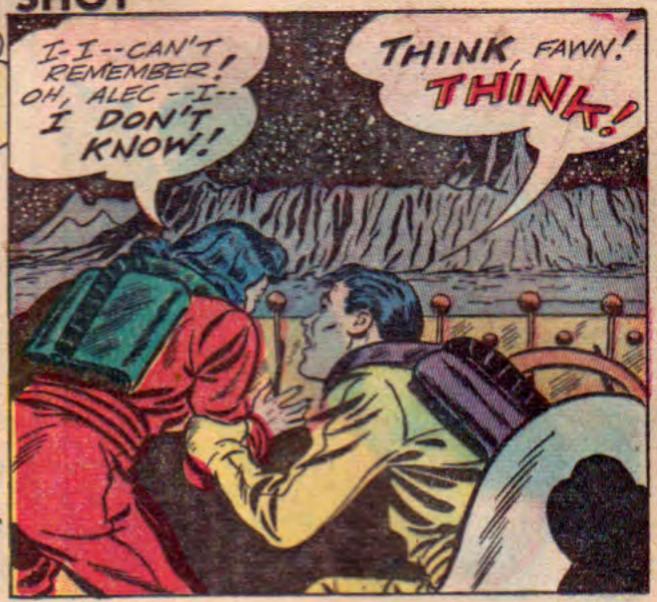


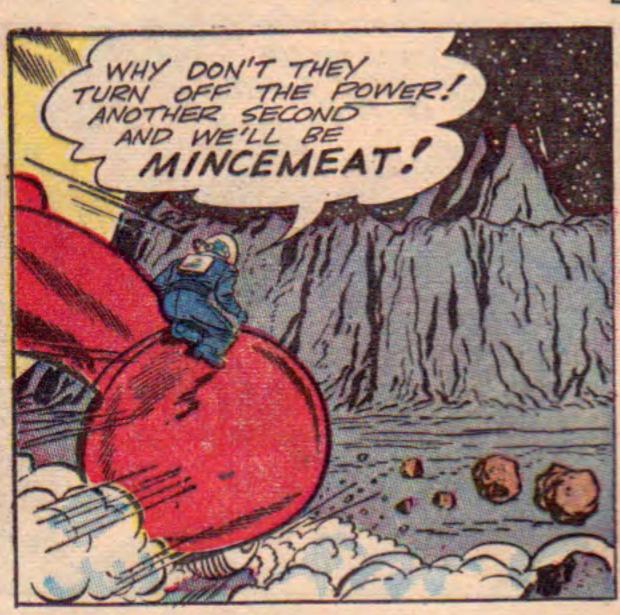




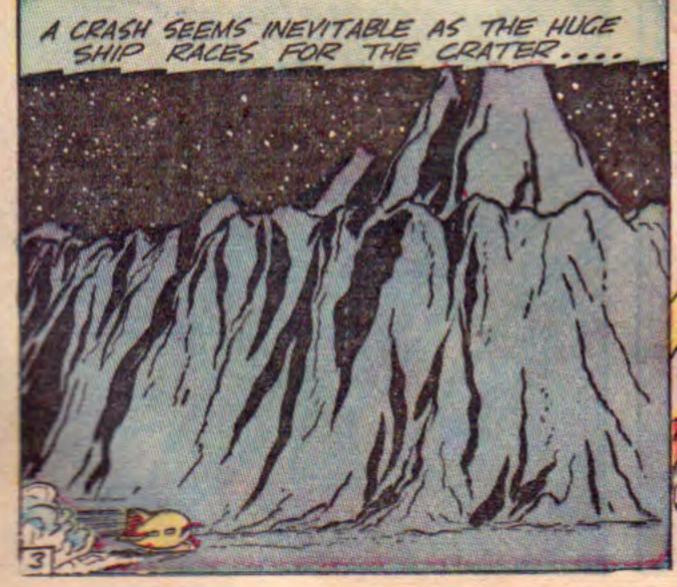






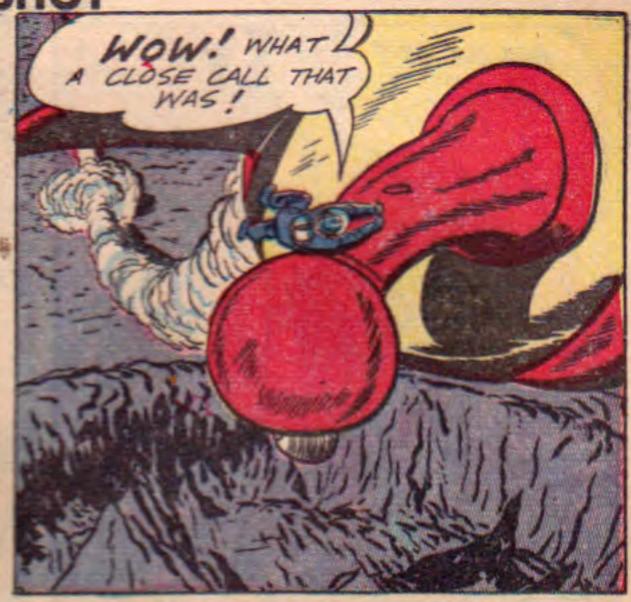






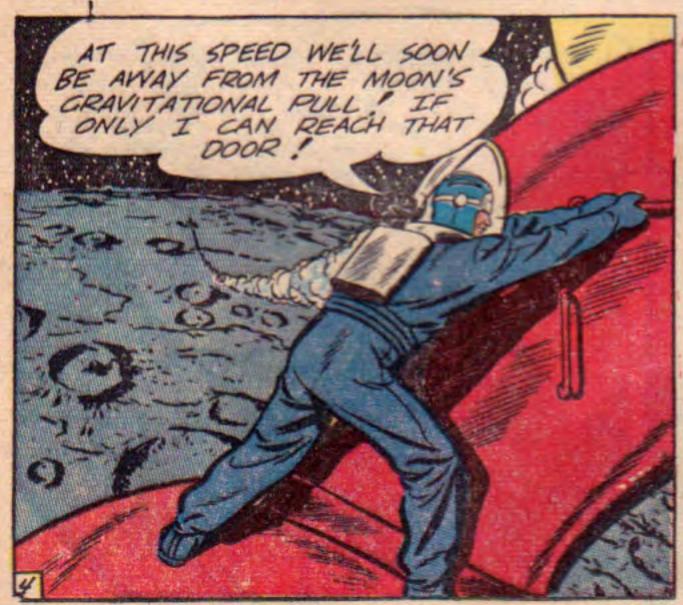




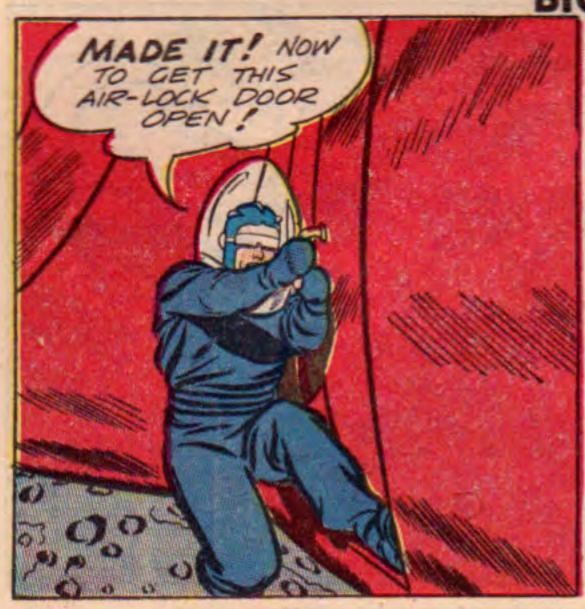








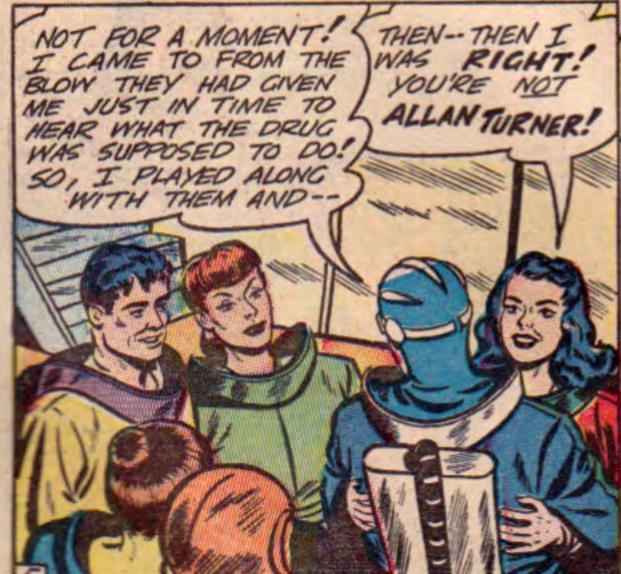












-- IF YOU REALLY WERE YOU CERTAINLY WOULDN'T HAVE TOLD ME! I JUST KNEW YOU COULDN'T BE! HE'S SO LAZY AND WORTHLESS, AND YOU'RE SO -- OH SKYMAN -- SO WONDERFUL!







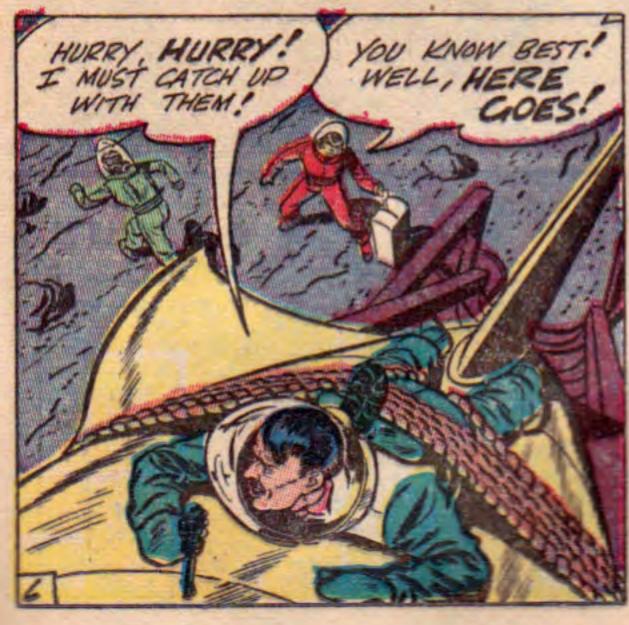




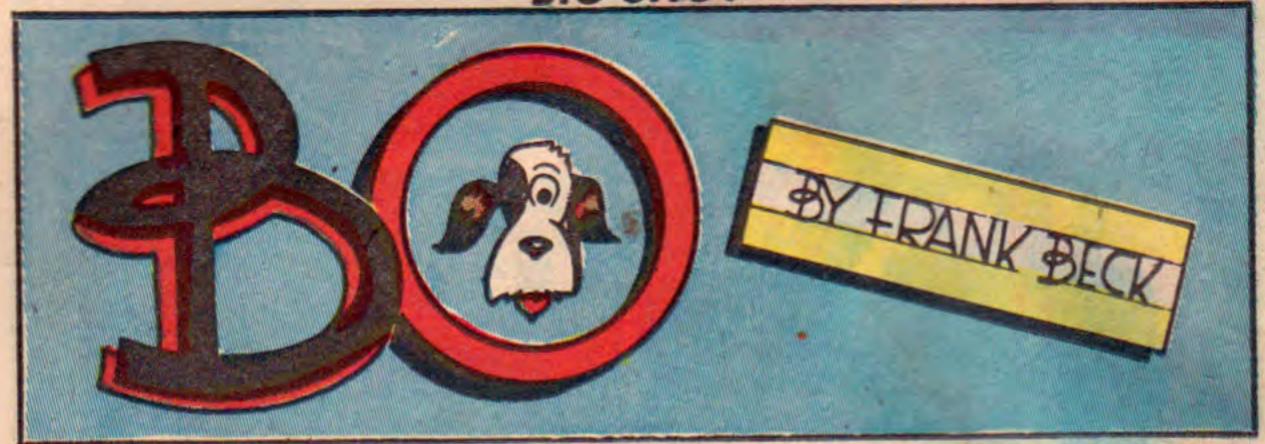
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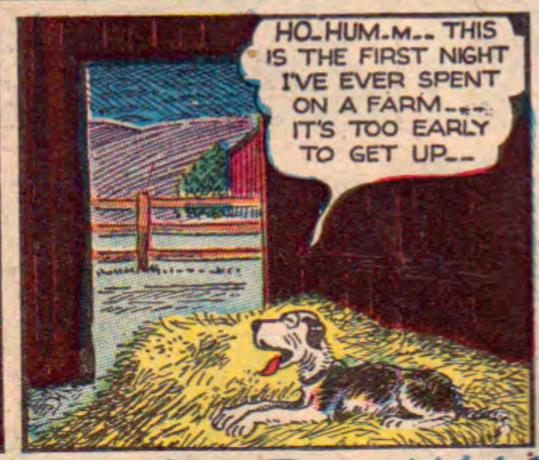
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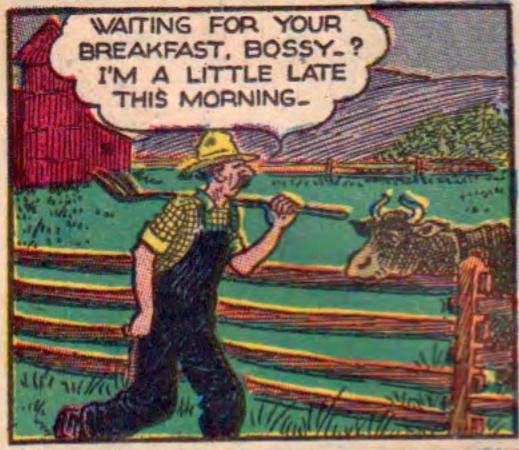




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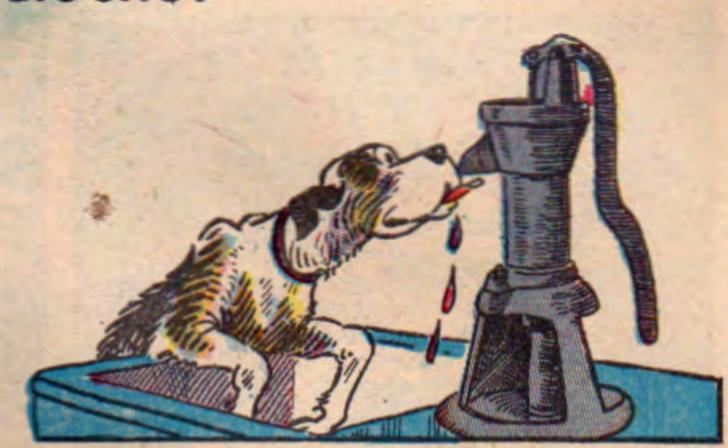




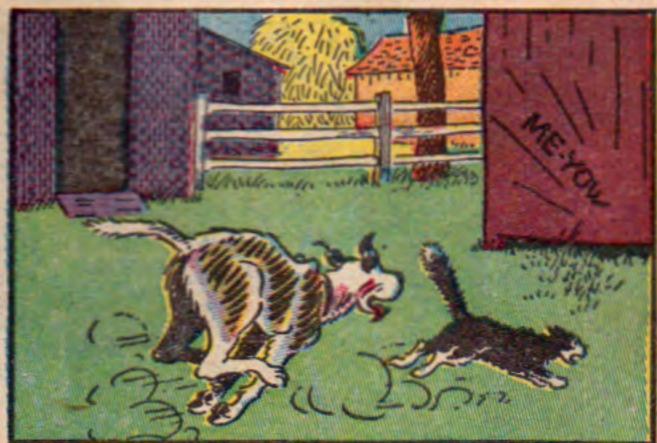


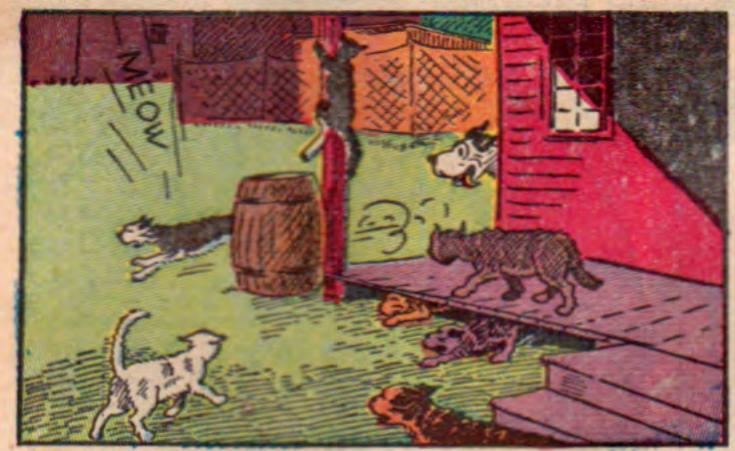
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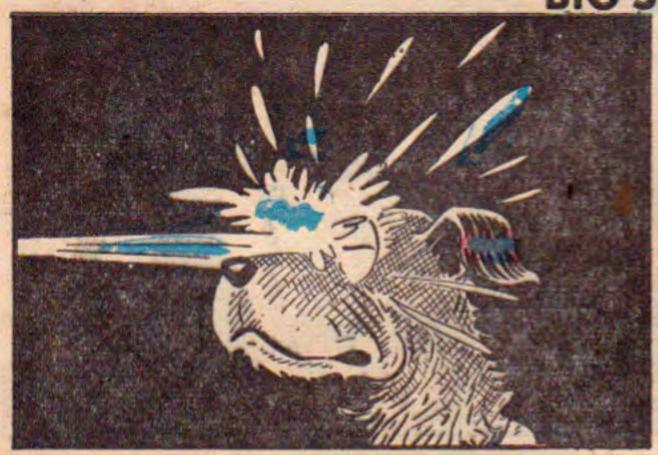








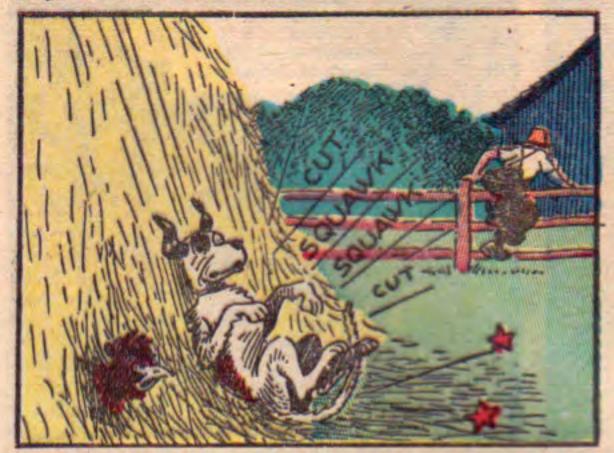


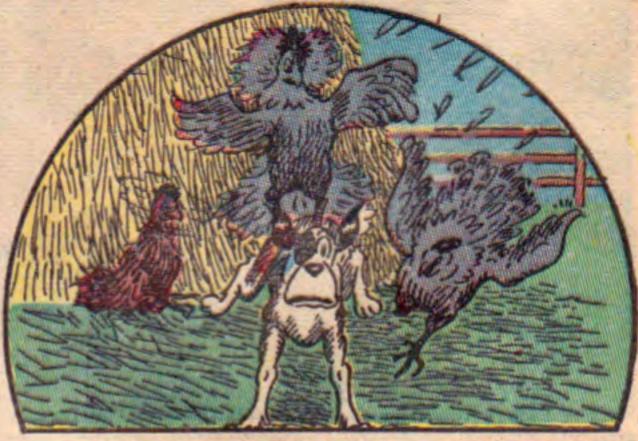










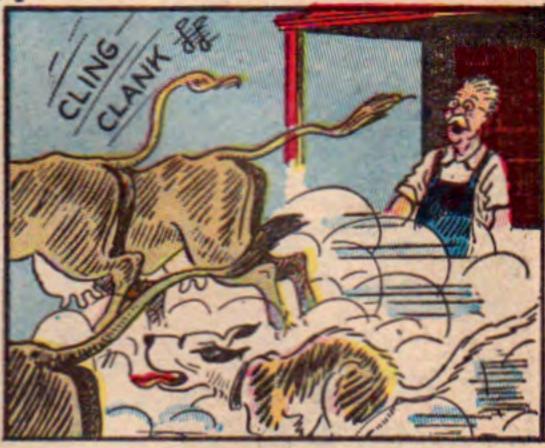




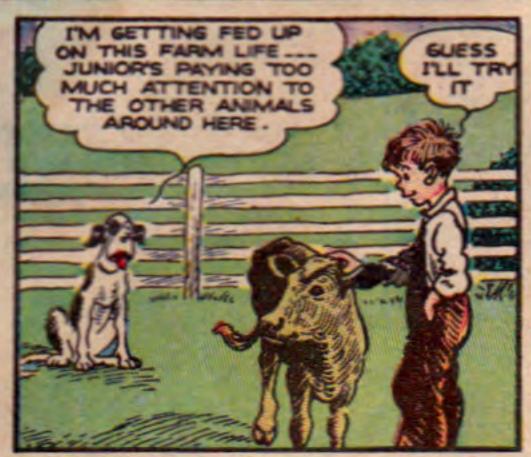














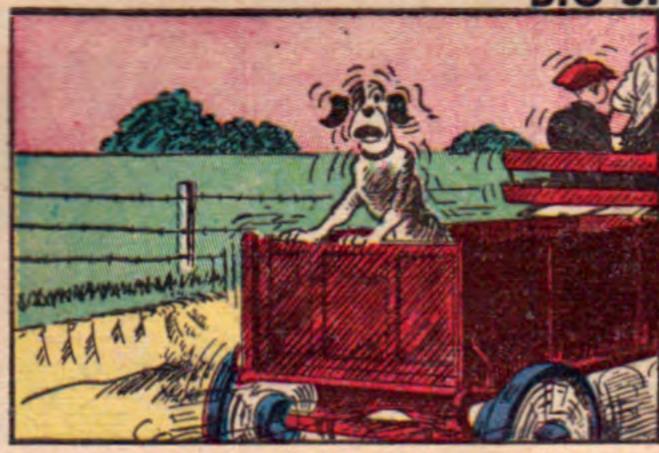




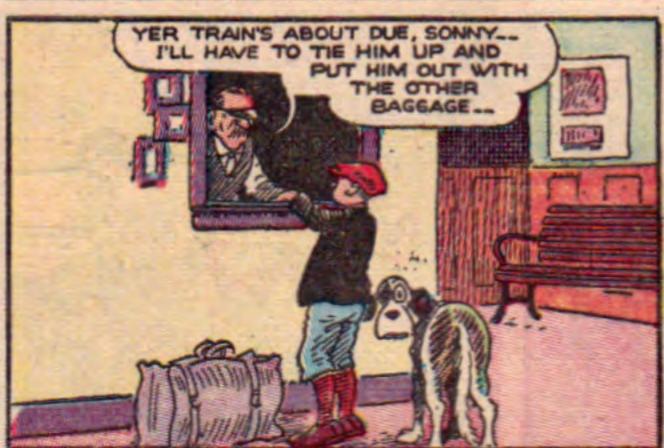


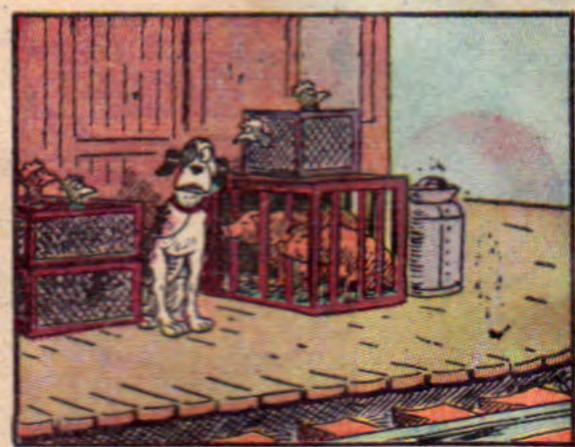




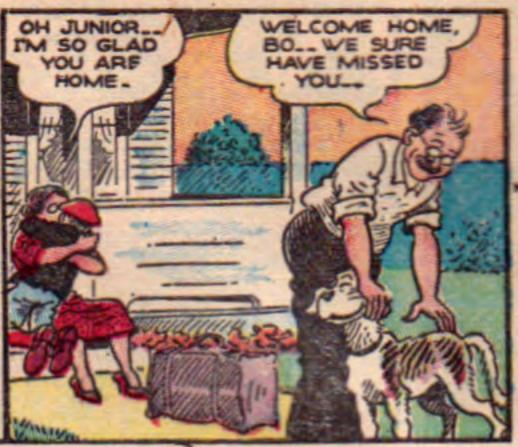








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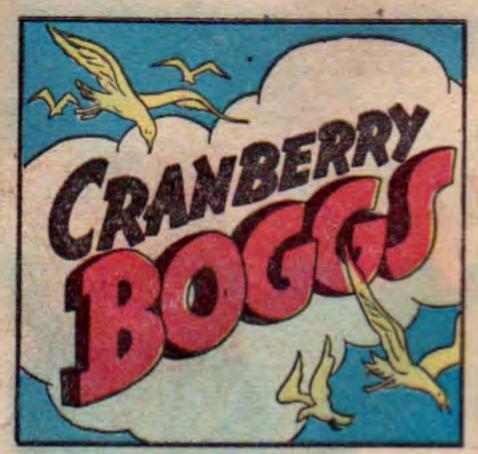


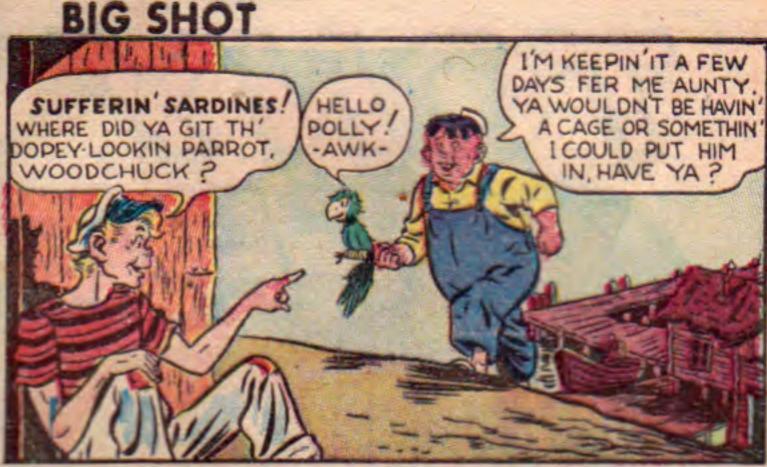


















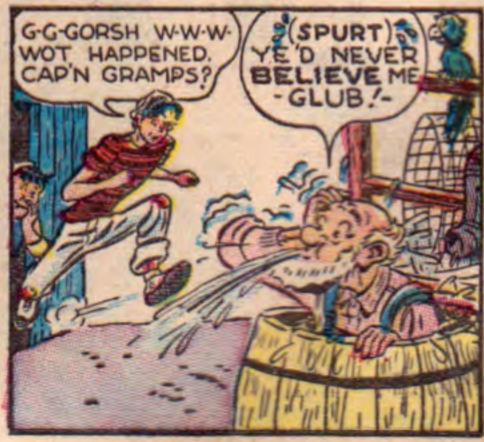








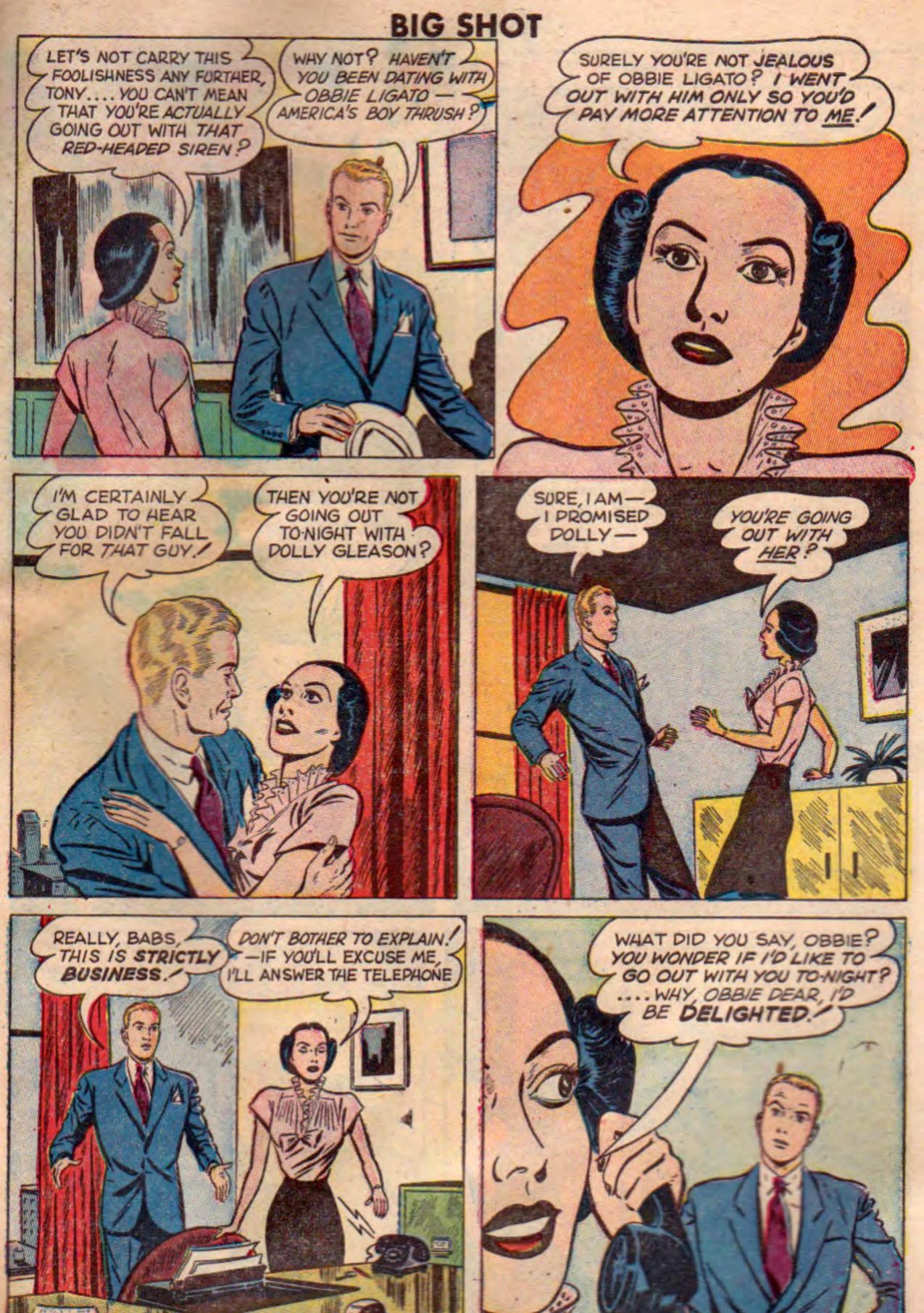






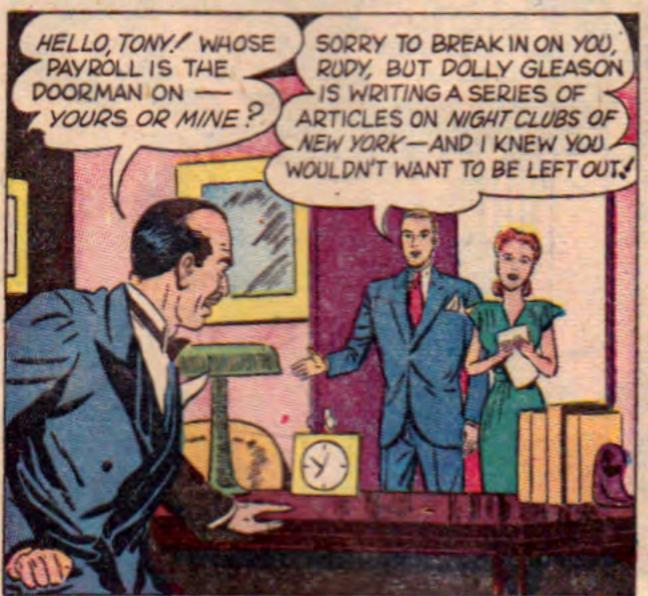




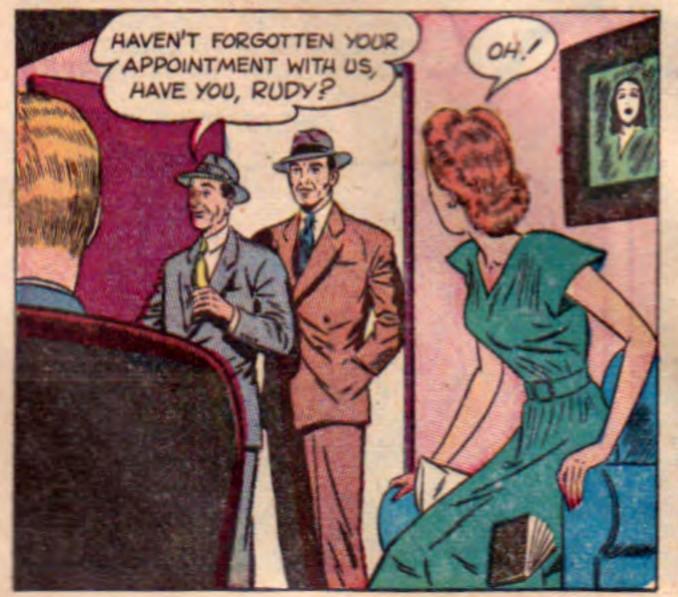










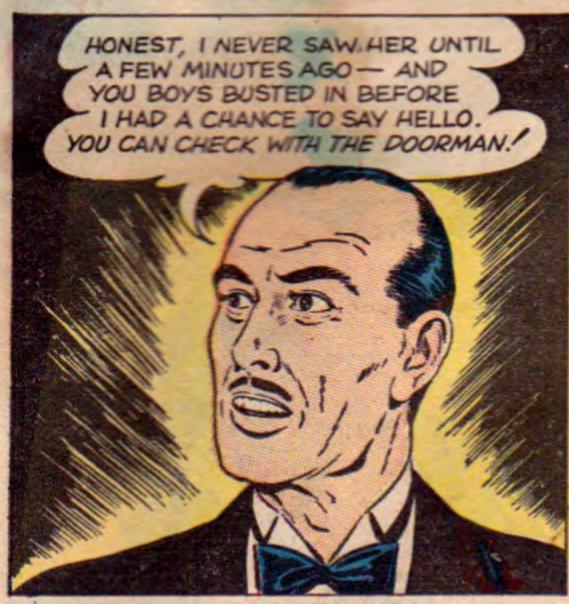












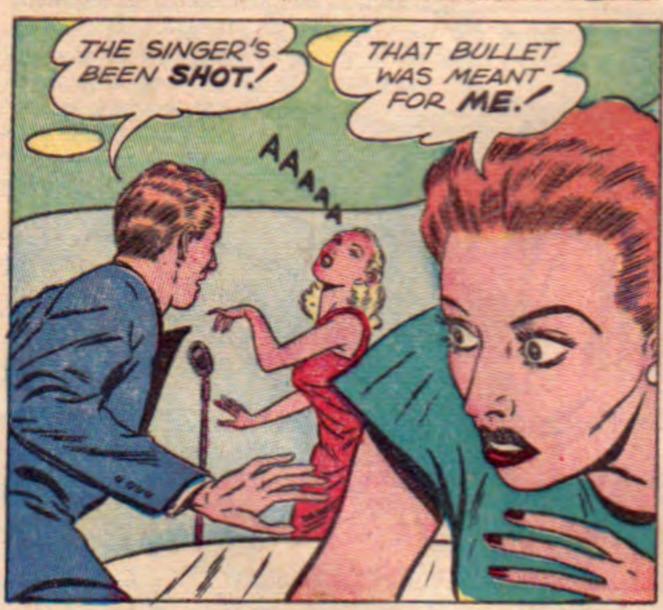




















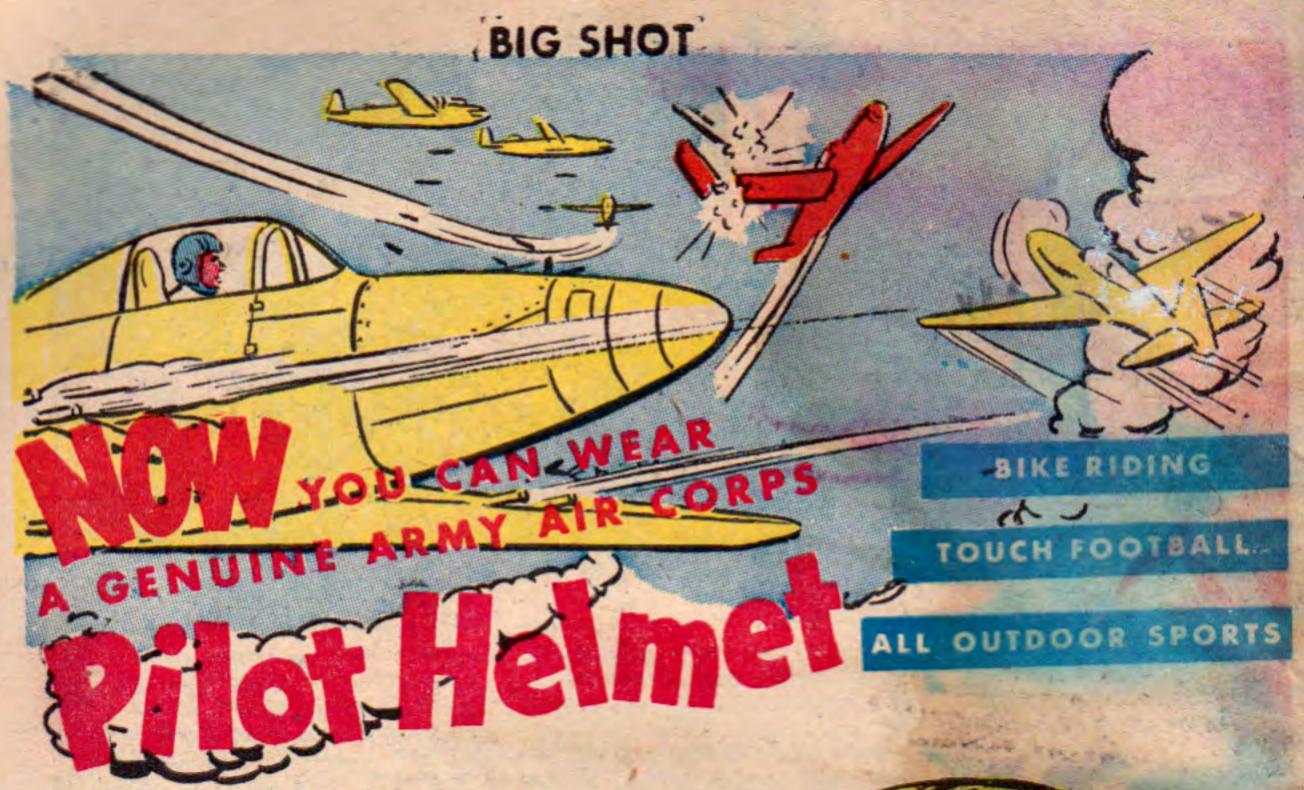












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